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SUBJ: SENEGALESE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY VOTES CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT CONCERNING PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION

1. ON APRIL 1 SENEGALESE LEGISLATURE APPROVED DRAFT LAW
AMENDING CONSTITUTION. ESSENTIALLY, AMENDMENT ANNULS PROVISIONS
THAT: A) PRESIDENT MAY BE REELECTED ONLY ONCE AND B) IN CASE
PRESIDENT UNABLE TO SERVE, HE WOULD BE REPLACED BY PRIME
MINISTER.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT APRIL 2, NEW LEGISLATION
PROVIDES THAT IN CASE OF DEATH OR RESIGNATION OF
PRESIDENT, OR IN CASE PRESIDENT'S INABILITY (EMPECHEMENT)
IS DECLARED DEFINITIVE BY SUPREME COURT, PRIME MINISTER WILL
EXERCISE PRESIDENT FUNCTIONS UNTIL NORMAL EXPIRATION OF TERM
OF OFFICE IN PROCESS.

3. MISSION'S COMMENTS ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WILL FOLLOW
IN SEPARATE MESSAGES.

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